

Marc speaks fluent Japanese and has vast knowledge of Japanese culture and world markets. Marc is married to Xiaowen and together they enjoy serving their community, trying new restaurants and barbecuing.

In light of all that Marc has done for Southern California and Orange County, I am honored to recognize him today. Marc has contributed immensely to the betterment of our region and our community is proud to call him one of our own. I add my voice to the many who will be congratulating Marc Aarons on his term as Rotary District 5320's District Governor.

#### HONORING THE LIFE OF JACK WOOLF

#### HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 14, 2020*

Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today along with my colleague Mr. COX to honor the life of a great farmer, veteran and San Joaquin Valley native, Jack Woolf, who passed away on July 28, 2020 at the age of 102. Jack was a pioneering farmer who transformed the west side of California's San Joaquin Valley into an agricultural oasis.

Jack was born on Sept. 6, 1917, along with his identical twin, Leyton, in Scottsdale, Arizona. Growing up, he enjoyed helping his family at their small dairy farm. After graduating from Peoria High School in 1935, he and his twin moved to Los Angeles and enrolled in Woodbury Business College. They obtained their business degrees in two years and graduated Magna Cum Laude.

After college, Jack worked as a cotton merchandiser, but due to escalating tensions in Europe, Jack registered for the draft in early spring 1941. He joined the Army and rose to the rank as Captain. As a member of the 204th Anti-Aircraft Battalion, he landed on Omaha Beach as part of the D-Day Normandy Invasion of Europe. He received seven battle stars. He was discharged as a Major in December 1945.

After a career of military service, he returned to his old job at Anderson Clayton. In 1957, he traveled to Mendota, Calif. to meet with a landowner, Russell Giffen who sold his farming operation to Anderson Clayton. This created a 30 plus year relationship that led to creating one of California's largest and most successful farming operation, Giffen Inc.

In 1949, Jack met his soul mate, Bernice. A few months after they met, they decided to get married and formed a beautiful family. In 1974, Giffen retired from the farming business and asked Jack to sell all the assets. Instead, Jack decided to start his own operation, Woolf Farming Co. of California.

Jack proved to be a leader and successful entrepreneur. His business grew successfully because of vision, loyalty, and passion. His military training and strong character were ingrained into who he was as a businessman and member of the community.

Jack was a member of several boards and organizations including The National Cotton Council, Valley Public Television, Fresno Historical Society, Santa Clara University Board of Regents and the California Tomato Growers Association. He helped establish a graduate

agribusiness program at Santa Clara University and he received an honorary doctorate degree from Fresno State. Both of these institutions offer scholarships in his honor.

He is survived by his loving and devoted wife of over 70 years, Bernice, his six kids: Anne Franson and husband Don, Nancy Woolf, John Woolf and wife Mary Pat, Mike Woolf and wife Shelly, Stuart Woolf and wife Lisa, Chris Woolf and wife Sarah, 24 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join us in celebrating and honoring the life of Mr. Jack Woolf. Jack strode through life with purposeful steady steps, a man on his way somewhere, always moving forward. His service to his country will be remembered for many years to come. We join his family, friends and community in honoring his life and legacy.

#### IN RECOGNITION OF CHARLES AMBLER'S RETIREMENT

#### HON. VERONICA ESCOBAR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 14, 2020*

Ms. ESCOBAR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Charles Ambler on the occasion of his retirement from the University of Texas at El Paso (UTEP). UTEP bids goodbye to one of its most notable contributors to the institution's transformation from a regional university to a leader in U.S. higher education. Dr. Ambler joined the UTEP faculty in 1984. As a recent Ph.D. graduate of Yale, he devoted himself to supporting UTEP's mission of ensuring the success of its majority Hispanic and first-generation student body. Concurrently, Dr. Ambler established himself as an internationally recognized scholar of African History, publishing numerous articles and scholarly books focused on 19th and 20th century Africa.

Dr. Ambler quickly rose through the faculty ranks earning the title of Professor and serving as Chair of UTEP's History Department. In 1996, Dr. Ambler assumed leadership of UTEP's emerging graduate program, a role he played on and off as Dean and Assistant Vice President until 2019. In the mid-nineties, UTEP was limited to a small number of doctoral programs. He recognized the opportunity at hand, created by lawsuits challenging the lack of graduate programs along the United States-Mexico border region, to greatly expand program offerings. UTEP was able to establish itself as a national leader in graduate education and a major producer of Hispanic doctoral degree holders. Altogether, Dr. Ambler understood it was important for these degree programs to not only be of the highest quality, but to focus on the scholarly issues happening along the border region. UTEP's forward thinking led to the development of a doctoral degree program in U.S.-Mexico border history. This innovation was accompanied by similar degrees with a border focus in areas like International Business, Engineering, and Health Science.

While Dr. Ambler was an internationally recognized African History scholar, he was deeply committed to improving undergraduate education. He regularly taught large sections of undergraduate history and developed strategies to improve the success of UTEP's stu-

dents. Dr. Ambler's strategies and teaching skills included technology-based learning and contacting students who stopped attending class to invite them back. As a result, completion rates in his section and average scores on standardized tests were higher than in other sections of the same class.

Dr. Ambler's influence on education, grants, and studentship has gone far beyond UTEP. He has held several prestigious fellowships, served as President of the African Studies Association, and most recently served as Dean in Residence of the Council of Graduate schools.

Dr. Ambler and his wife Gloria, who recently retired herself after many years of service as a teacher and counselor in the El Paso Independent School District, are vital members of the El Paso community.

UTEP is a better place due in no small part to Dr. Ambler's 35 years of service.

#### HONORING JOSEPH W. HESTON

#### HON. JIMMY PANETTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 14, 2020*

Mr. PANETTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Joseph W. Heston for his 45-year career in broadcast journalism, including more than 20 years on the central coast of California, and congratulate him on his retirement.

Joe's early career began with Westinghouse Broadcasting in 1976 at WJZ-TV in Baltimore. Over the next eight years, Joseph held various production positions at WJZ-TV, WBZ-TV in Boston, and KDKA-TV in Pittsburgh. In 1984, Joe began working with Hearst Television, where he would spend the rest of his career. He joined Hearst at WCVB-TV in Boston, where he was executive producer of programming and assistant program director, before moving to WBAL-TV in Baltimore, where he was vice president and station manager, and WTAE-TV in Pittsburgh, where he also served as vice president and station manager.

Joe's career took him to the California in 1999, where he began his role as president and general manager of KSBW-TV, the Heart Television station serving the Central Coast. His time at KSBW has been marked by a number of milestones. In 2001, KSBW launched its official website, which now averages over 6 million pageviews a month with over 500,000 unique users and is the region's most visited local site. In 2002, Joe oversaw the construction and launch of the market's first HDTV station. In April 2011, Joe oversaw the launch of "Central Coast ABC"—the first local ABC affiliate ever on the Central Coast. In April 2016, he helped launch KSBW's second channel, the Spanish-language network Estrella. During Joe's time as president and general manager, KSBW has been recognized with Radio Television Digital News Association regional Edward R. Murrow Awards for Best Newscast and Breaking News, and regional Emmy Awards for Best Newscast and Best Breaking News Coverage.

Throughout his time on the Central Coast, Joe has always had the priority of giving back to his community personally and through his work at KSBW. Joe is a former member of the Board of the United Way of Monterey County and oversaw KSBW's launch of the early

childhood initiative “Success By 6” with the United Way of Santa Cruz County and Monterey County to create opportunities for low-income infants, toddlers, and young children to receive high-quality education. In 2005, he led the development of the teacher recognition project, the KSBW Crystal Apple Award, and in 2012, he led the implementation of KSBW’s Golden Whistle award for outstanding high school coaches. Heston is also a former member of the Board of Trustees of York School and the Board of the Monterey County Regional Health Development Group. Most recently, after identifying the critical need due to the ongoing public health crisis, Joe led KSBW in raising more than \$525,000 on behalf of area food banks to aid COVID-19-distressed families throughout the Central Coast.

Joseph W. Heston has tirelessly served the central coast of California by providing model leadership and essential quality programming. I wish Joe all the best as he enjoys his retirement with his wife, Elizabeth Heston, and son, Joseph J. W. Heston. I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing his years of service and congratulating him on his retirement.

#### SUCCESS FOR SERBIA AND KOSOVO

#### HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 14, 2020*

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, earlier this month, President Donald J. Trump presided over the greatest diplomatic breakthrough in the Western Balkans in the last two decades. Indeed, for over twenty years, the potential of the Western Balkans region has been paralyzed due to the intractable conflict between the Republic of Serbia and the Republic of Kosovo. This bloody conflict took the lives of over 13,000 people and precipitated NATO intervention and bombardment at the turn of the 21st century.

For over twenty years, a perpetual state of tension and distrust existed between Belgrade and Pristina. Ultimately, those that suffered most are Serbian and Kosovar families. I am grateful that under President Trump’s leadership we have witnessed the first glimmers of hope and progress that will benefit Europe as a whole. On September 4, 2020, President Trump announced that the leaders of Serbia and Kosovo have agreed to enter into an agreement normalizing economic relations between the two nations. Serbian President Aleksander Vucic and Kosovo Prime Minister Avdullah Hofi are courageous for peace and prosperity. President Trump is exactly right to say, “Economies can bring people together.” Mutual economic prosperity incentivized the creation of the European Union itself. By focusing on economic benefits and commercial ties first, these two erstwhile enemies can put aside thorny policy debates that have gotten them nowhere for decades and instead see the immediate dividends of peace. When both sides can prosper, unprecedented progress can be made on complicated issues. The ramifications of this agreement will reverberate far into the future and will reshape the course of history of the Western Balkans.

Additionally, both Serbia and Kosovo also pledged to remove 5G equipment provided by

untrusted vendors—namely China—from their mobile vendors and to prohibit all future bidding by such vendors. This is also marks a major achievement in the Trump Administration’s foreign policy agenda to counter malign Chinese Communist Party influence around the world.

This historic milestone comes amid a litany of Trump Administration foreign policy successes—including successful peace agreements brokered between Israel and the United Arab Emirates and the Kingdom of Bahrain. Notably, on the day of the Serbia-Kosovo announcement, the White House also mentioned that Kosovo and Israel had agreed to normalize ties and establish diplomatic relations, and that Serbia had agreed to move its embassy to Jerusalem by July.

Time and again, President Trump is proving to the world that real success can be achieved by implementing American leadership based on President Ronald Reagan’s maxim of Peace through Strength.

#### HONORING THE CAREER OF LIZ HARRISON

#### HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 14, 2020*

Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Liz Harrison, on the occasion of her retirement from television news after 38 years on the air. Liz has been a familiar face and name with ABC 30 in the Fresno, California community.

Born and raised in Baltimore, Liz attended the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, Virginia, before graduating from the University of Florida with a degree in Broadcasting. Liz is married to Keith Allen, who works alongside her in the television news industry.

Liz joined Fresno’s local ABC affiliate in 1982, a time when women were underrepresented in the news industry. Throughout her career, Liz has served as co-anchor of Action News Live at 5 and at 11. She has covered nearly every type of news story and is proud to have given a voice to so many who’s stories needed to be told. In 2010, Liz and photojournalist Richard Harmelink won an Emmy Award for excellence in reporting for their story on the U.S. military training for war in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Liz’s passion for her work led her to take on the intern coordinator position at the station, where she trained and mentored college students as they pursued a career in television news. She has given her time to numerous organizations, including Mighty Moms Foundation, the Art of Life Cancer Foundation, and the Fresno Rescue Mission.

For 38 years, Liz dedicated her career to telling the stories of the San Joaquin Valley. She has left a lasting impact on our community. Liz is dedicated to her family. She is the proud mom to five children and looks forward to spending more time with her grandchildren. She is also a breast cancer survivor and a role model.

Madam Speaker, it is with great respect that I ask my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives to join me in congratulating Liz Harrison on her career and retirement. I ask

that you join me in wishing Liz continued success as she begins her next chapter, as the owner of a leadership, coaching and teaching business.

#### SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate of February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Tuesday, September 15, 2020 may be found in the Daily Digest of today’s RECORD.

#### MEETINGS SCHEDULED

##### SEPTEMBER 16

9:45 a.m.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Business meeting to consider S. 804, to amend the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 to protect the cultural practices and livelihoods of producers of Alaska Native handicrafts and fossilized ivory products, S. 1626, to require the National Telecommunications and Information Administration to estimate the value of electromagnetic spectrum assigned or otherwise allocated to Federal entities, S. 3831, to authorize the position of Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Travel and Tourism, to statutorily establish the United States Travel and Tourism Advisory Board, S. 3969, to amend title 49, United States Code, to reform the Federal Aviation Administration’s aircraft certification process, S. 4159, to amend the Electronic Signatures in Global and National Commerce Act to accommodate emerging technologies, S. 4286, to authorize appropriations for offsetting the costs related to reductions in research productivity resulting from the coronavirus pandemic, S. 4462, to establish a national integrated flood information system within the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, an original bill entitled, “Forensic Science Research and Standards Act”, and the nominations of Eric J. Soskin, of Virginia, to be Inspector General, Department of Transportation, Robert E. Primus, of New Jersey, to be a Member of the Surface Transportation Board, and Theodore Rokita, of Indiana, Sarah E. Feinberg, of West Virginia, and Chris Koos, of Illinois, each to be a Director of the Amtrak Board of Directors.

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